

Hello,

My name is Michael Carr of 7 Deer Run Road, Madison, CT 06443

I am writing this letter in response to the proposed budget cuts from Governor Malloy concerning DDS, HB 624.

I have grown up in Guilford, went to College at University of Hartford's Engineering School and after 10 years in the Boston area moved back to Madison, my wife's home town, to raise a family.

My parents where both from Connecticut, my father had many opportunities to leave the state to advance his career but, this state was home and also help provide the care of my retarded sister (back then that's the term that was used to describe her condition) such that he felt no other state would help her in the way our great state did. I am a fiscal conservative, I believe in limited government. But, I also believe that government (the collective "us") has an obligation to take care of those who can not take care for themselves. You see, I lived in family that was all about taking care of others, but we had one of our own that we couldn't take care of, but Seaside of New London provided wonderful care to my sister and as hard as it was to live without her in our home, we were always grateful in a live in a state that understood the value to care for those that needed assistance.

We now live in a time where so many struggle with autism, the services of the DDS have never been needed more. Families struggling to care for their children need the assistance that the DDS provides. Not just in the physical relief but, in the emotional understanding that there is a system in place to help. Without this system, these families could not contribute back to our great state with the energy needed to work their job or be business owners or entrepreneurs. We need these families contributing to our economy and society and we to assist them with the services of the DDS. I urge you to not cut the budget of the DDS but to expand it wherever possible.

Thanks,

Mike

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